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In Re the Application of:

TORVIK

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For: "METHOD OF MAKING A HYBRID  
SUBSTRATE HAVING A THIN  
SILICON CARBIDE MEMBRANE  
LAYER" (As amended)

) Group Art Unit: 2812

) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

) SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>September 10, 2004</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>BY: <u>Charity Ross</u></p>
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Second Preliminary Amendment. Although Applicants do not believe that any fees are due based upon the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: